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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Roosevelt Griffin on the
4 occasion of winning the Golden Apple Award for excellence in
5 teaching for his work as Band Director at Harvey School
6 District 152; and

7 WHEREAS, Since 1986, Golden Apple has been a leader in
8 advancing the teaching profession in Illinois for 29 years and
9 has recognized outstanding teachers throughout Illinois each
10 year; Golden Apple's selection committee is comprised of
11 prominent retired teachers, college and university professors,
12 administrators, and former Golden Apple Award recipients; and

13 WHEREAS, Roosevelt Griffin was born and raised in Harvey,
14 where he received his elementary education in Harvey School
15 District 152; he attended Riley Elementary and Gwendolyn Brooks
16 Middle School before attending Thornridge High School, where he
17 became an All-Conference athlete; he subsequently graduated
18 from Northern Illinois University, where he received an
19 Illinois Teaching Certificate in Instrumental Music and a
20 Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance; he later returned to
21 academics and received a Masters of Arts in School Leadership
22 in 2011 from Concordia University; he is currently pursuing a
23 Doctorate in Organizational Leadership at Argosy University;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Roosevelt Griffin became Band Director of School
3 District 152 in 2004; during his tenure, the Harvey Band
4 Program has received great honors for its dedication to the art
5 of jazz and has received top ratings and accolades from all
6 around the country; under his direction, the Brooks Middle
7 School Band has become the youngest performing group in the
8 history of the "Chicago Jazz Festival"; the band was selected
9 as one of 2 middle school jazz bands to perform at the largest
10 band and orchestra conference in the world; the program was
11 also awarded a full endorsement from one of the leading
12 mouthpiece companies in the industry and was recently featured
13 in Downbeat magazine; and

14 WHEREAS, In March of 2013, Roosevelt Griffin and the
15 Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School Jazz were honored to perform at
16 the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
17 International Conference, where they received a standing
18 ovation from an audience of 10,000 educators, administrators,
19 and politicians from around the world; and

20 WHEREAS, Roosevelt Griffin serves as a model of hard work,
21 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
22 Illinois; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate Roosevelt Griffin on the occasion of winning
4 the Golden Apple Award and wish him continued success and
5 happiness in the future; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Roosevelt Griffin as a symbol of our esteem and
8 respect.